

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 693

By Hicks

A RESOLUTION to recognize James Cradic, Jr., on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of public service; and

WHEREAS, James Cradic, Jr., is one such estimable person, who has officiated with the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) for more than forty years; and

WHEREAS, during his lengthy career with the TSSAA, Mr. Cradic served more than fifteen years as a supervisor and assigning officer; and

WHEREAS, he further officiated men's and women's collegiate basketball in NAIA through NCAA Division I of the Southern, Ohio Valley, and Metro conferences and collegiate football and baseball in NCAA Division I of the Southern Conference and Ohio Valley Conference for more than twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, James Cradic was inducted into the TSSAA Hall of Fame in 2002 and was honored as Official of the Year in 1996 by the Lawrenceburg Quarterback Club; and

WHEREAS, highly regarded as a leader in his community, Mr. Cradic served as the president of the board of AFG Credit Union from 1980 to 2015 and as the chairman of the Hawkins County School Board from 1980 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cradic served with acumen and alacrity as an electrical technician with AGC Industries in Church Hill for thirty-nine years, in which position he earned the respect of his colleagues and supervisors alike; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Church Hill High School in 1956, James Cradic served his country as a member of the United States Marine Corps from 1957 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, he was a Golden Gloves boxer during the time of his military service; and

WHEREAS, James Cradic exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, he is fortunate to enjoy the love and companionship of his wife, the former Shirley Quillen of Kingsport, with whom he has shared fifty-two years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, James and Shirley Cradic are the proud parents of Tony, a former Marine Corps officer and current Department of Defense contractor, and Sheila Hurd, a licensed teacher in this State, and the devoted grandparents of Quiana, Carlee, and Eden; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Mr. Cradic has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to James Cradic, Jr., our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.